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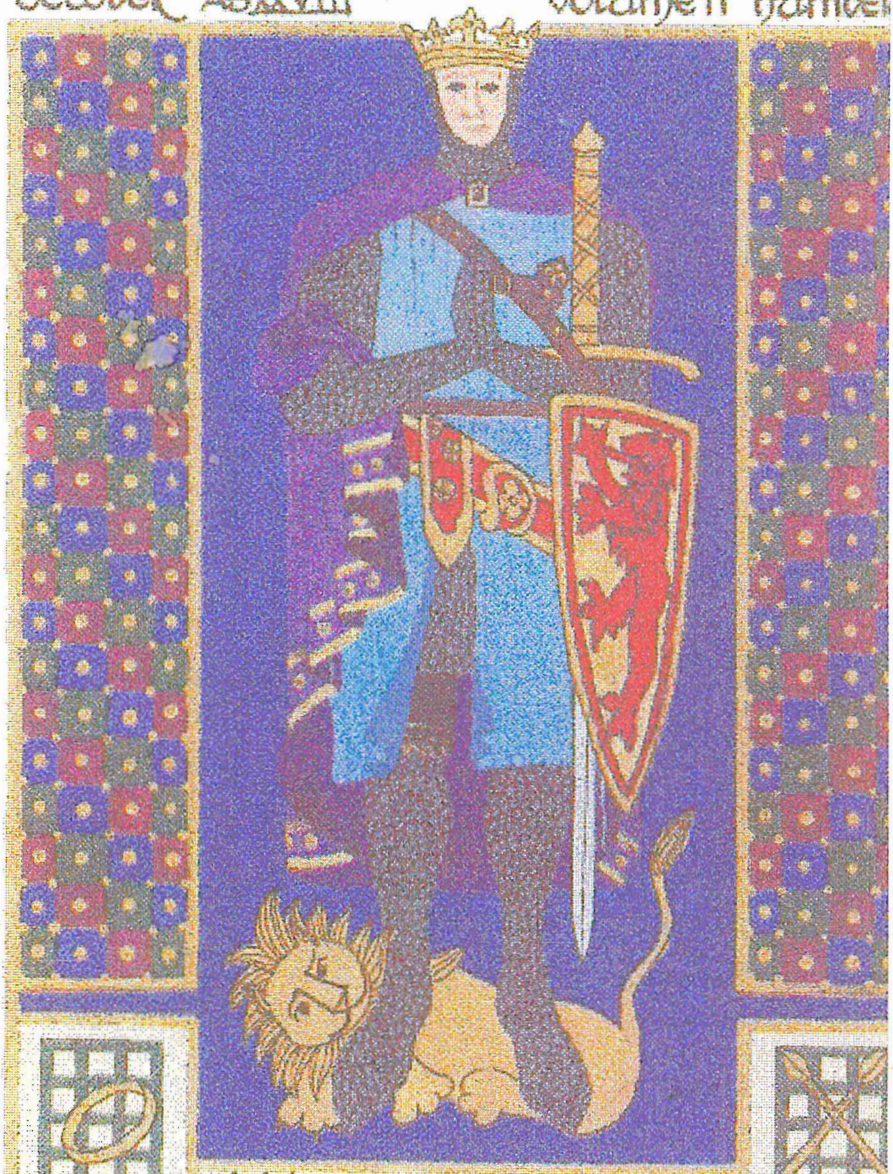

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In The Beginning

Prior to the organizational meeting of the incipient shire which exists in the area mundanely called Fort Collins, Colorado, there was but small activity relative to the Current Middle Ages. Significantly, there was a demonstration of the arts of sword-play and dying given at the Medieval Faire, held in the month of October and sponsored by a mysterious group which calls itself "The Foothills Unitarian Church."

Following this there were regular fighter practices held each Saturday. Finally, on November 6, 1982 (C.E.) an organizational meeting was held in the dwelling of Marshak the Golden Wolf and Morrigan at 1713 Pecan.

At this revel, officers were elected for the shire. Also discussed was the matter of Society memberships, medical forms for fighter practice, the absence of a location for indoor fighter practice (a necessity in the vile climate which graces this benighted area for about half of the year), Caerthen Twelfth Night, the possibilities of a prize tourney to be held in this shire, and some of the logistics of attending a war held in the somewhat warmer southern reaches (volunteers should be plentiful at that time of year). Naming the shire was discussed, but deferred until the next revel due to a small dissenting minority.

The meeting was ended with great rejoicing and followed with a bardic circle.

On December 5, 1982 a revel was held at the haven of Christopher Longstaff and Arlena of Stonymede. At the business meeting, a name was selected for our shire. According to the vote, the first choice for our name was Stone Haven, the second choice was Dun Cuhlain and the third choice was Harp Sword.

The name of the newsletter was announced, and ratified by rousing and unanimous acclamation. The meeting was concluded amid much joy. What followed included eating, gaming, dancing and song.

(reprinted, with minor editing, from the first Tosspot)

Stonehaven was made a Shire on June 23, A.S. XIX, or 1984 gregorian, by Freana, Rex and Richenda, Regina. After a forced name change (see Baron Kevin`s ramblings), Unser Hafen was invested as a Barony on October 6, A.S. XXV, or 1990 gregorian, by Artan III, Rex and Aziza, Regina.

Anthem to Unser Hafen

a song by Lady Llamrei Aethnen in honor of Unser Hafen's elevation to baronial status
(to the tune of "Now I See Thy Looks Were Feigned", with apologies)

From the shores of the grassy sea,
From the mighty mountain's feet,
Rose a village, then a tower.
Now a castle guards our bower.
Joyous Outlands, your holds are fair,
But Unser Hafen's beyond all compare.

Refrain: Strong portcullis, golden wall,
Guard our haven, home and all.
Strong portcullis, golden wall,
Guard our haven, home and all.

Orchards, cattle, fields and forest tall;
Treasures these, but prized o'er all
Folk of diverse skill who wield
Every craft in every field.
Warriors brave their lives bestow
To guard them well with sword, rapier and bow.

In Unser Hafen, barony fair,
A knight so noble governs there.
Hail Sir Kevin, baron bold
With warrior's heart and harper's soul.
Generously he rules his land
With scholar's wisdom and artisan's hand.

From the Baron

Robin has asked me to reminisce a bit about the **Old Days** of Unser Hafen and the SCA in general. Good Grief! Where to begin? I have been in the Society for about eleven years now, how time flies! I would say in a circumstance like this the place to start is at the beginning. **Wavy Lines** **Wavy Lines Wavy**

I think that the first that I ever heard of the Society for Creative Anachronism was while I was with a few of my friends in a small gaming group at Hewlett Packard in 1982. The group included me, Jim Christian, and Jack Bowers, like I said, small. One day Jim was contacted by a fellow whose mundane name to this day I can never remember, but his SCA name as I was to learn later was Marshak the Golden Wolf. He was new in town and was interested in our gaming group and in introducing something very new to us. He showed up one day with a mail-shirt, a helm and a rattan sword and stories about a living history group. We fondled the stuff he brought and asked questions and considered what he was speaking about. It was all very interesting, but in truth we were not really excited about it. At this time we learned that Jim had been part of a group here in Ft. Collins a few years earlier called **Canton Goldenveldt** and that he had been known as Frank Wutonwolf. This was a horse of a different color! one of our own knew something about this SCA! We asked a bunch of questions, and shook our heads in wonder about the stories of Feasts, wild revels, combats and wars. Hmmm, maybe this would be fun after all. Anyway, about a week later Marshak called us back and said that he had arranged a demo in October with the local Unitarian Church and their Medieval Faire, would we like to make armor and try it out? Hmmm, we would think about it ... This is the part I get hazy on. As I remember it, In September we had our first revel, a little party in Marshak and Morrigan's house and sang songs and tried to look and feel medieval. It worked mostly, because I started on my first suit of armor. it took me two weeks to make, helm and all! Our first demo was in October, at which we collected some folk that you will still find here, Gunter the Wanderer for instance I believe was one of them. Well anyway, in November we had our first officer's meeting to form a group, in December we started work on the very first Tosspot issue which came out in January of 1983. Oh yea, those first officers, hmmm, that's a tough one - Robin, insert the truth here will you in case I misremember? As I remember, Frank was the first seneschal, I was the Knight Marshal or maybe the Herald, I can't remember, Fionn was the Chronicler, Athenatious our Reeve, and Marshak was the Knight Marshal - I think.

From this point on things happened very quickly! That January I went to my first Caertan Twelfth Night. I was dressed in a borrowed stage costume of a Chevalier, fencing rapier, plumed hat and all (you rapier fighters can snicker all you wish, I was young and easily influenced then). It was there that I first met Lady Ismenia Jocylin Wyndameer, your first Baroness. I had a wonderful time! It was a magical evening and I knew that I was hooked. We all have this kind of and event from time-to-time and it is these that keep us coming back, even when we get disappointed.

By this time (January) we had collected quite a few folk from CSU and the surrounding Ft. Collins area and decided that we wanted to go to a big war. That was was called the **Burro Creek War or Great Desert War** it depends upon who you are talking to. We took 13 fighters, and two non-fighters with us on that trip. We took too little money, and perhaps too much confidence! The trip down was uneventful, although we could see the writing on the wall for one of our cars! Fionn's car developed an oil leak and he had bought a case of oil to feed it while we were on the road, he used over half the case getting to Bouse Arizona, or about 1200 miles. There was also a rather humorous encounter with the New Mexico State Police. We were pulled over because Aasa had left her brights on and was to get a warning form them. One of these cops then proceeded to warn us that "We don't want no gang fighten' in New Mexico." He was, I think, referring to the mass of weapons, both real and simulated that were populating the roof of Aasa's Travelall. While we were at the war we had a wonderful time fighting in the sandy desert, through castle battles that I **still** can remember to this day! But the time must come to return home and with spirits still high (although my danger sense was

telling me we might have problems) we went our merry way home.

The first thing that told us we were in trouble was Aasa's huge International Travelall would not run! We called this beast the **Longboat** for obvious reasons. We could not get it fixed for it was on Sunday that we returned so we took all we could from it and put it in a car that we borrowed from her Grandfather in Sun City Arizona and continued on our way. Sometime outside of Albuquerque Fionn's car's engine seized up and refused to run, so we chained it to the back of the borrowed car, and continued on our way. In Las Vegas New Mexico we got pulled over by the cops because we were towing a car illegally. We must have looked pitiful because one of the cops took us aside and said "I'll fake a call on the other side of town so that my partner will leave, you guys get out of here fast when I do that!" And so, once again, we continued on our way. Long about Monument Colorado we decided to ditch Fionn's car with Frank's folks, on the top of a hill in Monument. We used one of the cars to **push** Fionn's car to the top. Moved more people around, and stuff around, and with only two cars were (you guessed it) again, on or way... You may have noticed that I keep using the term **on our way**, this is for a reason. Our trip south had taken us 17 hours, our trip back, by this time was closer to 36 hours. We were tired, grouchy, and really smelled bad! But we did make it back with one of the original cars we took, and with 15 people packed into two cars, one was a small Toyota. This I guess could be called Estrella 0, for the next year the war was to be held in Estrella Mountain Park in Phoenix Arizona, much closer, much nicer. I have been to every war since that one, and sometimes I can still re-create the magic that keeps me coming back again and again.

Long about 1984 or so Lady Ismenia moved in with me and got the group organized enough for us to petition and be granted Shirehood. In those days we were part of Atenveldt and would be for some years yet. We were growing then and becoming more and more a haven for artists and crafts folk, and less and less fighters. Until 1986 when there were two fighters left, Myself, and a fellow known as Cornak. We would go to Caerta to do fighter practices, so we could fight someone other than ourselves! Shortly after this time, two folk moved in from Ansteorra, shortly after the Outlands became a Kingdom in its own right. This was the year of the **Twenty Year Celebration** for the SCA which would be 1986. The two of which I speak were of course Lord Titus and Lady Llamrei, and the year must have been 1987 when they moved in. Well! This just doubled our fighting population from two to four, then shortly thereafter that group of college students graduated and Cornak and his lady, Caterina moved away. This left Titus and I to go to Caerta. Llamrei was in Grad school so she didn't go with us then.

I think that I will digress here a bit and talk about the early days of fighting here in what was then called Atenveldt. Eleven years ago is not such a long time as time goes, but it is a long time as habits and customs go. In those days we didn't do armor inspections, helms were made from all sorts of experimental substances and even the types of weapons allowed was not really set in stone. When I began the first helm that I fought in was made from a double insulated **Freon tank!** My legs were carpet for upper thighs and leather backed with foam for the knees and shins. My body armor was carpet with diesel tie-down straps riveted on, one arm had a clumsy articulated aluminum setup (considered high-tech then) and the other had nothing on it because it was behind a shield. I made my helm from an old army steel pot (helmet) with 16 gauge sides and face-plate. The face plate had dozens of holes drilled in it so I could see through, this was later discovered to be **way** too weak so I made a bar grill for it before going to the Burro Creek war - where they asked if all of the duct tape was to cover something dangerous, or was there to make the helm look prettier, it really was the latter I assured them. I fought with hockey gloves (this was considered pretty good then when many just used leather welder's gloves!) My sword was a bastard sword with no basket hilt (such things were almost unheard of then, they are much more popular today.) I still have that sword. I started fighting with a round shield and to this day I cannot use a shield that has corners worth a damn; I still use an oval when I use a shield. As you can see, things have **really** improved since then! We have much better armorers in Unser Hafen then we could find then and we do armor inspections and have many more safety rules now than then. But that is the difference between the beginnings and the more mature state that comes much later in any organization.

Titus and Llamrei put forth tremendous effort and in the end succeeded in recruiting fighters, many and more fighters. Many of our current list of warriors owe their introduction to the efforts of these two. When they first moved into the shire I was just stepping down from two years of being seneschal of what was now called Unser Hafen.

I think that I will digress a bit more here and explain how we became known as Unser Hafen ... Long ago in the depths of time when we first formed our group we had though divers efforts decided to call ourselves **Stonehaven**. Why, because of the obvious proximity to many rocks, and we thought the name was cool. We were not yet a shire and so our name was held at the kingdom level of the herald's office until we became official, I believe in 1984. Well, to make a long story short, we were told after we became official that some other group in the Middle Kingdom had gotten that name before us so we could not have it! Oh boy. We were really angry as the Kingdom Heralds had held our name for over 6 months until we became official and caused us to lose our beloved name. This is the root of the undying enmity between the Unser Hafen **Old Timers** and the Herald's office to this day! I have since found out that that group has since folded, so the name was wasted on them and denied to us, making me at least, even madder about that bungle. Oh well, after that wonderful news, we needed to have a new name, here we were official, but nameless. We needed a new name. Many a sober (and drunken) evening was spent trying to come up with one! The one that won out eventually was done just to needle the heralds. We were going to call ourselves Uns Haven. We justified it as being German for "our home". Actually, it was because none of the men in the shire was clean shaven - rearrange the spacing between the letters of Uns Haven and you get Unshaven. Well, the heralds liked the name, **Oh no!** but they corrected our grammar and lo and behold, Unser Hafen (meaning "our home") was born! Damn heralds never could take a joke!

Now we had a name, we needed a device. We spent over a year in this search and were only just getting to submit this during the time of Lord Francis being our Herald in 1987 I believe. Thus were the arms of (now) Unser Hafen born.

Well as you all know, we are a barony now. That happened about 1990. But many of you were there, so I'll leave that as another tale, which really Sir Titus can best tell, he was seneschal at that time and was big in the orchestration of that great event. I and Mistress Ismenia were chosen as Baron and Baroness by the fact that we had hung around the longest by then. By the time that you read this we will have been a barony for three years, and a shire, incipient shire, and just plain an organized (?) group for about eleven years. So much has happened during that time, so much of what I am and love has been intertwined with the Society for this, the last eleven years. You know, I'm not sorry a bit. I have hated some things and disliked a few people along the way, but I don't regret that decision so many years ago to join up with a group of folk so much like myself. If ever there was an organization of individualists that got along so well, I have never seen it! It must be that we do inside share a vision of what the world could have been and maybe could still be if enough people only thought so it could, and should be. What a time I have had, I look forward to what is still to come!

Fad saol agat!

Kevin

Officer's Reports

Unto the Populace of Unser Hafen, Rosalind of WellMark greets you.

Our Barony is celebrating its anniversary, and I hope all of you will be able to join in. Unser Hafen is building a rich history of tradition, growth, and contribution to our community and the Society. Being a part of that has been very rewarding for me personally. Even though I joined when the work toward becoming a Barony was well under way, I feel like I can't remember my life without Unser Hafen and it's people. Please try to join us for the event - we would especially like to see those of us who have not been able to join in as much during the last year. We've missed you; there are many new people to meet.

The cover of this issue is pretty spectacular; Lady Medhbh, your artistry is breathtaking and your contribution is greatly appreciated. To quote the man with all the quotes, "It's a shame to put staples in it."
(Gotcha, Robin!)

In Service to His Excellency, Unser Hafen, and the Outlands,

Rosalind

Treasurer's Report

Greetings to the populace of the Barony!
The balance of our funds at officer's meeting was $1261.47.

Yours in service to the Barony and the Society,

tamlene ap Guidgen

MUCHAS GRACIAS MI COMPADRES! It would be impossible to list by name those who assisted with the Newcomer's Revel, but, please know that your kindness and support did not go unnoticed. To each and every one of you - MANY THANKS! Without you, this event would not have succeeded. I shall forever be in your debt!

Cúndrych

Populace will be at the home of Rhianwen and Tuman on October 5, at 6:00 pm. It is a potluck so bring something tasty to share. There will be a discussion on Persona development. Look under knight marshall for phone and address call if you need directions.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE HERALD

Unto the populace of the Barony of Unser Hafen, Milad Deidre sends greetings, this 20th day of September

I really enjoyed helping explain a little bit about heraldry at the newcommers revel. Thanks Aedhan for your help and suppoet. I am sure you had alot more questions but time ran out. Please feel free to call me and ask questions. If I don't know the answer I will find it out.

My address is Deidre c/o Della Ravnsborg, P.O. Box 66, Wellington, CO 80549.
Phone# 568-9732

IF YOUR SUBMISSION IS NO LONGER LISTED IN THIS REPORT, YOUR SIX MONTH "GRACE PERIOD" TO RESUBMIT AT NO COST HAS EXPIRED. THE COST FOR SUBMISSIONS IS $9.00 FOR NAMES AND $9.00 FOR DEVICES OR BADGES.

THE SUBMISSIONS OF GENTLES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BARONY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AT LAUREL:
Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae - badge
Conchobhar ua Loingseacain - name and device - amended
Gunther der Wanderer - device - amended
Lughbec ni Eoin - name and device - device amended
Robin of Bristol - name and device - device amended
Sean Ui Neill the Staff Maker - device

AT KINGDOM:
Ceindrych de Costaine - name resubmission
Clemence D'Avignon - alternate persona for Cala of Savatthi
Dun Bolacht - name and device
Mark de Saint-Saveur-le-Vicompte - name

NEW SUBMISSIONS:
No new submissions.

Thus ends my report,
In service to His Excellency,

Diedre

Unto the gentle populace of the Noble Barony of Unser Haven, your Knight Marshal sends Greetings.

Well, as the tourney season comes to an end and the days begin to cool, we look forward to a few fighter practices that are not hot. (Huzzah!!) However, our brief respite from heat will suffer an intrusion by the onset of winter, and our new found comfort will be replaced with shivers and visible breath. Starting on the 10th day of October our Sunday fighter practice site will be moved indoors. The site is the CSU field house, and the time is from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.. As the fee has gone up significantly, it is particularly important that when we pass the "brass bowl" around that you donate a buck or two.

Along with the cold weather arrives a few other concerns. Cold weather effects much of our equipment, and our bodies. As far as equipment goes, be sure to test your thrusting tips before you go onto the field, as they can become too hard to maintain their required progressive give. Many types of plastic are also vulnerable to breaking once they pass below a certain temperature. About the only way to test your plastic is to cool a sample piece to a measured temperature (like leave it outside for a couple of hours on a cold night) and then try to break it with multiple sharp blows. And for those of Viking decent, remember, "Don't put your tongue on cold metal"!

Which leads us to our next issue, your body. When your body is cold, it is more suspectable to damage. This means that pulled muscles and sprained joints are MUCH more likely. It is HIGHLY recommended that you stretch before attempting any martial activity such as Heavy or Light weapons. I suggest that you speak with The Honorable Lady Llamrei if you would like specific information about stretching. If we all got into a routine it would only take a few minutes of our time, and we would all be safer once we started.

As an addendum, to a previous article, I feel it necessary to make a point. When YOU see an individual on the field REPEATEDLY or BLATANTLY violating the rules or conventions of OUR society (particularly in fighting) it is YOUR responsibility to do something about it. This is the only way WE can protect OUR society from going in dangerous directions. For example, if you see a fighter hitting too hard, or not taking blows (and you'd better be sure that it's true) YOU should either;

1) Tell the individual to his face and then drop it until it happens again.
or/then
2) Inform the local Marshal In Charge.
or/then
3) Inform a member of the Chivalry at the event.
or/then
4) Write a formal complaint to the Kingdom Knight Marshal.
or/then
5) Write a formal complaint to the Society Knight Marshal.

Steps 4 and 5 should never need to happen unless there is either a conspiracy, or YOU are wrong.

One might notice the emphasis I have placed on the personal pronouns in this section. I have done so to emphasize that the responsibility falls to US to assure that the rules and conventions of our Kingdom and Society are followed. Don't assume that someone else is going to take care of it. Apathy, can be our worst enemy.

Onto a slightly lighter subject, Highland Games was a real hit, and we have acquired a few new members from all of your hard work. Lady Rhianwen and myself wish to thank each and every one of you who attended, and invite those of you who were not able to attend, to the Games next year.

In service to our Noble Barony
Lord Tuman

Myman

Light! Tippy! Glance! No wait - we're fencing, remember?

Blow calling in fencing is an oftimes hotly debated subject. How good were period blades? How sharp were they? Will ribs stop a blow? How hard do you need to hit to pierce the skin? Hopefully, this letter will answer some of these questions.

To start off, I'll paraphrase kingdom blow-calling standards. If you felt it, it was good. There is no "light". A light blow is one that did not land, one that you did not feel. A glancing shot, one that skitters off your armor, does not exist. Our "armor" is considered to be a light linen shirt even though we are really wearing four layers of trigger cloth. Sharp points do not skitter off linen shirts. "Tippy" exists to the extent that you can deliver a blow that only catches fabric or that scrapes across fabric without applying pressure toward your body. Feel free to ignore "tippy" shots. They hurt A LOT if they scraped across some skin - but they probably didn't kill you or put you in shock.

"Where do these standards come from?" you might ask. They actually come from-research done by doctors, mundane fencers, and SCA fencers. I saw a demonstration done at the Outlands Rapier Collegium II that involved showing people just how effective period weapons were. According to medical research, the pressure required to pierce human skin is approximately the same as the pressure required to pierce wet rawhide. A piece of wet rawhide was place semi-taut on a pressure sensing device. A dull rapier was then thrust through the rawhide. It took 4 lbs. of pressure to pierce the skin. A sharp rapier was then thrust through the rawhide. It took less than 1 lb. of pressure to pierce the skin! Essentially - a touch. once through, the blade did not stop until the fencer ceased to advance or thrust. It was almost impossible to keep the blade from piercing through by at least 6 inches! The only method we found was to deliver a tippy shot - then the blow only pierced the skin and flesh to a depth of about 1-2 inches. To make it worse, your skin is the best protection you've got under these circumstances. Once that blade pierces your skin, there is nothing to stop it. What about the ribs? We tried to hit a rib on a slab of beef without glancing right off of it, back into the muscles and organs. It doesn't work. The ribs are too small and too rounded. If this information is scaring you - it should be! Fencing with period weapons is dangerous!

The good news is we're NOT fencing with period weapons and we ARE wearing a whole lot more than a linen shirt. The same pressure test as above was performed on four layers of trigger with the same dull rapier. It took about 20 lbs. of pressure to pierce all four layers. Even at that, only a few threads were cut on the fourth layer. The blade did not make it through. A modern broken epee blade with a jagged edge was then thrust at the fabric in such a way as to bring the jagged edge in contact with the fabric first. It didn't go through. According to these demonstrations, SCA fencing can obviously be a very safe sport.

The final demonstration I'd like to tell you about was set up with four layers of trigger on the pressure sensor. Each fencer there was asked to thrust at the trigger with their own epee, delivering what they felt was a "good" shot. Only 2 people delivered blows that were 4 lbs. or under! (Remember, 4 lbs. of pressure is a killing blow with a real weapon). At least half the people there were in the 8-10 lbs. of pressure range. Unfortunately for all of us, there were people there who were delivering blows of 15-18 lbs. of pressure. Now you might say, "But it took 20 lbs. of pressure to pierce the trigger, so we're all OK, right?" Wrong! What about the inevitable case when you thrust at the same time that your opponent lunges at you. You are now hitting with considerably more force than just what you put into the thrust. A 4 lb. thrust can easily end up being felt as a thrust 4 times as large, depending on exactly how your blade and your opponent connect.

The lesson to be learned from all these experiments is that control is vital to t-he safety of our sport and that any blow that was felt would be lethal if we were fighting in period "armor" with period

weapons. So when you're fencing, try to imagine yourself on the streets of Venice instead of the plains of Colorado and you won't go wrong.

As a final note, I was NOT one of the fencers who thrust at 4 lbs. or less. I am glad to say that I thrusted with 4.5 lbs. of pressure, but that was under reasonably controlled circumstances. Even I need to do some serious work on lightening up and controlling my blows!

Trying to imagine herself on the streets of Venice,

Rhianwen

Minister of Arts & Sciences 9/22/93
Greetings unto the populace of Unser Hafen from Lady Chala, Minister of Arts & Sciences:

You will notice that the Unser Hafen Arts & Sciences competition now has site and event information printed in this month's Toss pot. Please call me if you have any questions. I am accepting assistance for trolls, servers, set-up and clean-up, etc. This is a good way to earn site or feast fees, and besides, you will certainly earn immense good will from the autocrat and feastocrat! I am also looking for volunteers to make small pieces of candy or herbal packets to sell at a "favors" table to benefit the barony.

Lady Tehri and I have started an Unser Hafen Banner Project, so that the barony will own a number of very large, colorful, generic banners to decorate sites. I have purchased a limited number of 3x5 ft pieces of solid colored material, which several people have volunteered to decorate. If you are not one of those you are still welcome to provide your own materials and particiapate. The optimum size seems to be about 3x5 ft (one yard of 60" material turned sideways) It is not necessary to line the back; just paint or sew on your design on the front side, and put your name on the back in some fashion, so that we will remember who made the banner. Do not use anything that might be someone's device in particular. Contact Lady Tehri or myself if you wish to know what is acceptable.

For those of you who are wondering what happened to the A&S favors for artisans, the system will be restarted with the same goals in mind, but not necessarily the same favors. More information on this later.

Lady Madeleine, our Baronial Scribe, and I will be organizing a Scribe's Workshop. Please talk to us if you would either like see something included in it, or would like to help conduct it.

Because of all these wonderful projects, I need to find a DEPUTY. This should be someone who is interested in the arts in all forms, performing and non-performing, although they need not be learning/doing more than one art form. This person would be asked to help set-up A&S displays, and assist with contact and organizing A&S related events as needed.

The Newcomer's Revel brought forth an exciting number of participants in the Arts & Sciences, including a bardic afterward. Special thanks to Baron Otto and his lady for their participation with

wonderful Irish songs. Thanks also to all of you who submitted entries; it's exciting to see so many new talents! The following were winners in the competition:

NEWCOMERS REVEL WINNERS:

I. Illustrative arts: 1st: Yomato no Usagi-san, 2nd: Conchobhar Ua Loingseacain, 3rd: Aildhcinna MacAilpean

II. Toff & Croft: 1st & 2nd: Lugbec ni Eoin, 3rd: Killinen the Crafter

III. Scoff & Whistle: 1st: Lughbec ni Eoin, 2nd & 3rd: Amice de Fayel

IV. Vulcan arts: 1st & 2nd: Conchobhar Ua Loingseacain, 3rd: Annie Nichols

V. Overall winner: Killinen the Crafter

People's choice winner: Killinen the Crafter

Children's winners:

7 & under: Ian (Son of Timon Phocas & Amice de Fayel)
8 & older: Megan Williams

Blacksmithing Guild

The Blacksmithing Guild is having regular open smithing once each month, usually on the second Saturday. Meetings will alternate between Thorfinn's, Garwed's and Tamlene's. Please inquire if directions are needed.

Meetings will begin at 9:30 and end when we are tired. Instruction is available. Bring safety goggles, gloves, and old clothes (mundane work clothes recommended unless you have suitable garb).

No level of skill is needed, just some enthusiasm!

October's meeting will be held on Saturday, October 23, starting at 9:30. We will meet at Thorfinn and Rosalind's:

Thorfinn and Rosalind (Perry and Jo Wells)
3601 El Caminito
Loveland, CO 80537

Please call if you would also like to smith at another time.

Tamlene ap Guidgen, Guildmaster	663-1513
Thorfinn Greybeard	667-1284
Master Garwed Cadburiensis	353-8456

The Deputy Officers of Unser Hafen
in service to the incipient canton of

Dun Bolacht

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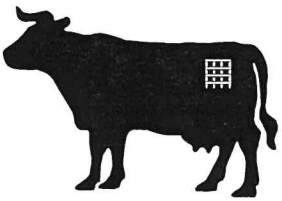


"Failte ui Cheallaigh" to the Barony from Dun Bolacht

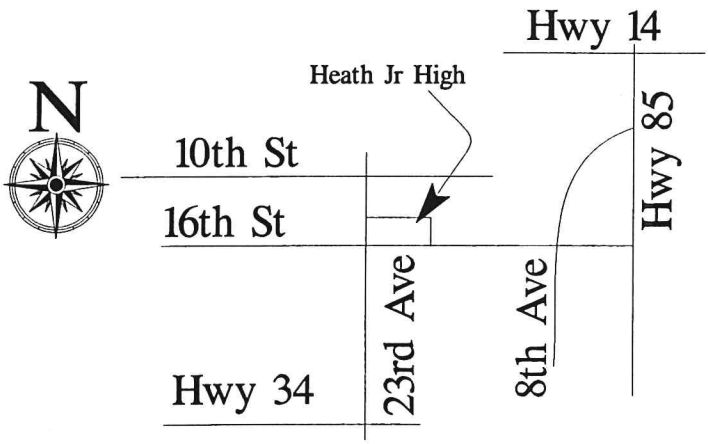
Many of the gentles of the barony think that the establishment of Dun Bolacht traces back to the labors of Akira no Minamoto a bare you ago. With all credit to Akira sans efforts, the genesis of our Fortress of Cattle stretches far into the mists of history. We were old when the Grand Army of the Republic was a Roman veteran's organization. We were old when the Foreign Legion was a Sabine military organization (ask Sir Titus). We are older than Rome for we were founded by a relative of Rome's great progenitor Aeneas.

It is not widely known that Aeneas had a younger brother, Allergicus Udderus. Aeneas and Allergicus fled from the sack of Troy in two ships, hotly pursued by the Greeks (there are obscure Homeric references to unpaid gambling debts ...). A storm blew them into Carthage, where they sought refuge and solace. Aeneas sought refuge. Allergicus sou& solace (in large quantities, mostly liquid). Queen Dido loved Aeneas, and expelled him from Carthage when he would not marry her. Allergicus stayed behind until he was kicked out for unpaid bar tabs.

Weaving unsteadily North and West our noble first father stopped in mystical Avalon. Well, shipwrecked, actually. Exploring inland Allergicus Udderus came upon a broad valley with a lake in the center. In the midst of the Lake was an island. On the island an eagle was perched on a cactus, eating a snake in its claws.. A sword rose from the waters of the take held by a slender hand in silver mail. A cruciform descended from the clouds, and a majestic voice boomed "By this sign shall you conquer!" A silver chalice materialized in the air before him, spinning slowly before his eyes. Allergicus hiccupped, said "Nope, this ain't it", and sailed for greener pastures.

The Celts in Britain advised him to go on to Ireland, for they had great T.G.I.F. parties. Celts in Ireland told him to "turn left at Dingle for a good time". Ow hero got lost trying to find a bardic revel in Limerick and ended up in a war in Ulster. Now there was a siege thrown up against Choncobar Mac Nessa of the Red Branch, and great was the battle there of which many songs are sung. Using experience from his last employment Allergicus Udderus had the besiegers build a great wooden cow and hide men in it. Unfortunately, Homer was out in paperback by then and the Ulstermen knew what to expect... Allergicus was as welcome as a carrier of hoof and mouth disease to both sides, so he had to leave under harried circumstances. But his time in Ireland was not without effect, for cattle theft was not a criminal offense until his sojourn there.

But enough of this historical (hysterical?) ruminating for now, on to the current cud of Dun Bolacht! The results from the Demo Deleritum are still being cowculated, the tail of which will soon be told. May your cows win prizes and may the bribes to do so be moderate



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Dafydd Ap Mywell	1/83-2/84
Lady Ismenia Wydameer	3/84-11/84
Lady Madeleine de la Rochelle	12/84-12/85
Lord Kevin MacKinnon	1/86-12/87
Lady Tehri Hadeel (Theresea die Tanzerin)	1/88-1/90
Lord Titus Claudius Severus	2/90-12/91
Lady Rosalind of Wellmark	1/92-present

Herald

Marshak the Golden Wolf	1/83-7/83
Kevin MacKinnon	8/83
Fionn Creagh	10/83-2/87
Brynach MacCallium	3/87-3/88
Lady Phillippa of Mag Mor	4/88-10/88
Lord Owen Keith (Francis Owen Roderick Keith)	11/88-10/90
Lady Averick of Glen Rowany	11/90-9/91
Lady Medhbh O'Duibhdabhoireann of Clontarf	10/91-4/93
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Book Herald

Diedre	5/93-present

Court Herald

Lord Aedhan Breec	5/93-present

Knight Marshall

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Fritjoff Tygesson	8/83-4/85
Thrx the Dark Crusader	5/85-9/85
Cornak MacBorden	10/85-9/86
Gryfalcon Thorsvorne	10/86-8/87
Eldric Icepusher	1/88-8/88
Lady Llamrei ap Pendaran	9/88-9/90
Lord Galen Shadowraven	10/90-3/92
Lord Aedhan Breec	4/92-4/93
Lord Tuman Ellyozof	5/93-present

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Guy de Negentrop	1/83-1/84
Science only	
Lord Guy de Negentrop	2/84-9/84
Arts only	
Varda Leona	2/84-8/84
Both	
Lady Madeleine de la Rochelle	10/84-10/84
Fippon MacLir	12/84-9/85
Ian Greggori Von Mal	10/85-10/86
Lord Owen Keith	2/86-10/88
Undwyn the Rhymer	11/88-9/89
Lady Rhianwen ferch Morgant	10/89-12/90
Lady Fionnghuala of Lindisfarne	1/91-6/92
Lord Gerald an Ard	7/92-7/93
Lady Cala of Savatthi	8/93-present

Treasurer

Arlena of Stonymead (Arlena Kaarnasdadir)	2/84-12/85
Tehri Hadeel	1/86-12/87
Lady Ismenia MacKinnon	1/88-9/89
Jiliana Emlin	10/89-3/91
Lady Rosalind of Wellmark	4/91-12/91
Lord Tamlene ap Guideon	1/92-present

Healer/Chiurgion

Morrigan du H'lougardhall	1/83-7/83
Lady Aasa Shipfurer (Aasa Jonsdatter)	1/85-7/87
Saib Ja'far al-Ta'ib	8/90-7/92
Oriana	8/92-2/93

Sheriff/Reeve

Athenaciaus the Rightious	1/83-7/83
Lord Marshack the Golden Wolf	12/84-8/85
Lady Ismenia MacKinnon	1/86-12/87
Eldric Icepusher	9/88-3/90

Chronicler

Fionn Craig	1/83-12/83
Lord Kevin MacKinnon	1/84-10/85
Lady Anastazia Winogrodzka	11/85-1/93
Robin of Bristol	2/93-present

Mistress of Lists

Lady Aurien Chimmerstone	1/83-7/83
Morrigan du h'Longardall	11/84-4/85
Lady Phillippa MacCallum	7/89-12/90
lady Theresea die Tanzerin	1/91-2/92
Larissa the Lacemaker	3/93-present

Quarter Mistress/Quartermaster

Arlena of Stonymead	8/83-1/84
Lord Gunther der Wanderer	4/90-present

Hospitaler

Arlena of Stonymede	1/83-7/83
Lady Arwen Southernwood	10/83-10/85
Aileen Bardon	11/85-2/87
Lady Philipa of Mag Mor	3/87-3/88
Lord Claudius Titus Severus (Titus Claudius Severus)	5/88-1/90
Lady Averick of Glen Rowany	2/90-10/90
Medhbh O'Duibhdabhoireann	11/90-7/91
Katerina von Lehmann	8/91-4/92
Minamoto no Akira San	5/92-present

Archivist

Gwydion of Unser Hafen	7/89-11/90

Scribe

Lady Sabh Donnabhain	8/90-7/91
Lady Madeleine de la Rochelle	8/91-present

Archer Marshall

Thorfinn Greybeard	11/91-3/92
Equitis Titus Claudius Severus	4/92-present

Notes from the past
Lady Tehri Hadeel

First let me introduce myself, I am known today as Lady Theresea die Tanzerin, but I started out in the SCA as Tehri Hadeel. I am a Persian lady of the 15th Century, who married a German boat builder after he completed a boat for my father. Paul, my husband was apprenticed to a Greek Boat Builder, and the boat for my father was his final project, earning him his Masters Rating. We traveled to Germany where I adopted a German name.

The name change was necessitated by the SCA's requirement to document the name. (Hint to new people: don't fall in love with a name until you have checked to see if it's possible to document it, ask the Herald.)

I joined the SCA Shire of Stonehaven in 1984; my first event was a Revel in Cheyenne, WY, then known as Griffins' Keep. I don't remember many of the details, but the King, Mika Longbow, was present. Paul, Vincent, Robert and I, along with Francis and Catriona were immediately adopted by Aileen, known as the Irish Madwoman. The household of the Inn of the Madwoman was formed.

We dove into things in Stonehaven (Lady Madeleine was Seneschal) and the next thing I knew, we were planning to hold the Tournament to select the new prince. It didn't seem too big a job to serve dinner to 75 people (I grew up in a large family, and Aileen on a ranch). Boy, did we learn a lot about feasts, royalty, and Murphy's Law (ask us about it at the Birthday Party)!

I soon was well enough educated in the group to become deputy Treasurer and then Treasurer. During this time the northern groups jointly put on the first 2 Oasis events. The Outlands had grown and become a Kingdom, and I received my AoA. We did the 5th Coronation, which was extra special, because the King was Christopher and the Queen, Cymber (a former member of our shire). Kevin served a turn as seneschal.

I then lost my mind completely and agreed to be seneschal.

The Shire now had the registered name "Unser Haven", and we had a registered device. The group was growing and included both students and permanent residents. The winds were right and the talk began about forming a Barony.

Some Memories of Llamrei Aethnen

Robin asked me to do some rambling on Baronial History, so here I go. Robin, be careful what you wish for!

I was not involved in the early years of Unser Hafen. sir Titus and I moved here in the mundane year 1987, and began to play in spring of 1988. Prior to that, we had lived in Ansteorra, first in the shire of Braddwyn Lea (Wichita Falls, TX), which we helped to found while we were both still in college, in 1981. That group has since died and been reborn several times, and we understand that it is now called Brad Leah and doing well. We left there in 1983 and lived in the Barony of Namron (Norman, OK). Titus was in law school then and was not as active as I was. We were both fighting some, and I was very active with a singing group called the Greenwood Singers, run by Master Michael Fenwick and Mistress Roanne. Master Michael was the person who taught me to sing, and gave me the courage to do it. That was when Titus first injured his knee and had his first surgery.

We came to Unser Hafen with a letter of introduction from Master Michael. He felt that his assurance as a Laurel that we were nice people was essential. Somehow we lost the letter between the car and the populace meeting, which was at CSU, and I am so glad we did; people here would have thought us terrible snobs if we showed up with such a thing. our presence tripled the fighter corps of Unser Haven, and gave (then) Lord Kevin someone to ride to Caerthan fighter practice with. We commuted to practice all winter, and the next summer I took over as knight marshal and we started recruiting fighters. A few old timers came out of the woodwork and new fighters began trickling in.

That period was one of explosive growth for Unser Hafen. Coincidentally, a number of other people moved in from other kingdoms about the same time we did, including Baron Dirik, and local people began a surge of interest. Lady Catriona began holding dance practices, which from the beginning attracted people from all around. Many of us were uncomfortable dancing at first, but she was very patient and gradually we learned.

Titus won Unser Hafen Defender in 1988. At that time, Defender was a small tourney, held at a fighter practice like the current Baron's Whim tourneys. Titus decided to change that, and he made Defender a weekend event based on the Defender's personal a tradition that endures. His Defender tourney was a Roman bacchanalia, of course, with the first of the now-famous Unser Hafen theatre plays. At that event, Kevin MacKinnon and Haroun were both knighted. Kevin had played Hermes in the play, and was called before the king in his short white chiton and winged sandals to thunderous applause. He was knighted the next day to the strains of Brynach the piper.

Surprisingly enough, I won the title of Defender next. At that time, the Defender was the Unser Hafen fighter who placed highest in the tourney, and the winner of the tourney (almost always from somewhere else) was our Protector. All that changed when we became a Barony! During his tenure as Defender, Titus had commissioned the 8 scuta to be built, which are now the Baronial Shield Wall. I painted them. He also commissioned the sewing guild to make the tabards which are now the Baronial Guard tabards, and he drilled us all in Roman style, the first effort to get our fighters to work together. We all went as a group to Estrella War and put on a great show.

In October of that year, at the Crown Tourney in Dragonsspine, I was squired to Sir Kevin. I had been squired to him in all but name for a year or so before that, but it was good to be able at last to cement the relationship publicly. He gave me the squire's belt that he had worn for five years as Master Odan's squire, intending that it should be passed on to the next generation. Titus did very well in that Crown and received his Stag's Blood there. I led Unser Hafen and an assortment of fighters from the North at Estrella War that year, and we acquitted ourselves quite well again, and had a marvelous time. That was where we did our little Alamo performance, as chronicled elsewhere.

During my tenure as Defender, preparations began for our petition to become a Barony and the entire group worked tirelessly to show the kingdom how we had grown and how we were worthy of the honor. The Crown, then Artaun III and Aziza, granted our request after our amazing petition ceremony at Coronation in Ard Thir.

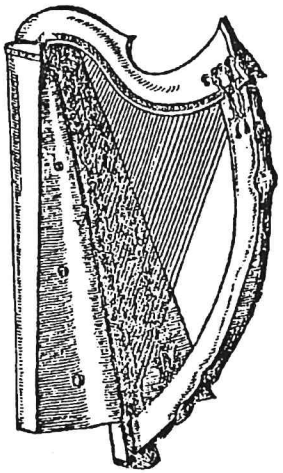
I held my Defender tourney -- the last for the shire -- in conjunction with the Caerthan Warlord

tourney being hosted by Jarla Irel, due to a scheduling conflict. It was a Celtic festival, and Mazuna created another play for us.

At Crown Tourney in Unser Hafen that fall, Sir Kevin and Mistress Ismenia were invested as Baron and Baroness, culminating over a year of concerted effort to elevate our group. We had all worked hard making regalia, creating charters and scrolls and baronial awards. Both the petition and the investiture are on video tape which will be shown at the Birthday party and are well worth watching. I was invested as Earl Marshal of the outlands at that event, and Lord Galen of Shadowraven took my place locally. That began two years of labor, learning and good experience for me. I wrote Kingdom rules where there were none before, earning the curses, no doubt of many. I retired to write my memoirs last fall.

Many wonderful and terrible things have happened since, too many to give details. I graduated with my masters degree, which I couldn't have done without the support of our group. Titus got knighted just a year ago -- seems like it must have been a lot longer ago. Kevin and Ismenia parted ways and she left for Dragonsspine, leaving Kevin alone on the throne of Unser Hafen, where he has governed wisely and kindly. Many of the folk who were involved in our great Baronial petition are gone now, moved away or moved on to other things. Good friends are gone -- Maelgwn and Maeve of Windkeep are now in Atlantia, among others. The Mercenary Singers of the Northern Outlands was born, lived and lingers still, though in a much less organized form. Dun Bolacht has been born in the last year, and is growing and thriving exuberantly. Less than two years ago, Sir Kevin took the "Road Show" to Hinterland, and now those good friends are soon to be members of the Outlands.

I hope no one will be offended at what I have written or left out; this is truly a rambling of selective memory, and is centered around myself, Titus and Kevin, since that is what I remember best. In Unser Hafen, for the first time in my life, I have found a sense of community and belonging that is a treasure beyond price in a nomadic life. The people here are creative, energetic, stimulating, maddening and beautiful. I have seen much in my wanderings and known many people and places. But there is nowhere I would rather be than here.



Three Hawks Champions Tournament
Results and Lost & Found

ARCHERY (24 participants)

Rand the Tracker of Oak Hollow	First (83)
Peregrin Elric of Coventry	Second (73)

FENCING (23 participants)

Dio De Lifar	First
Ragno Daggana	Second

HEAVY WEAPONS (34 participants)

Haroun ibn Al Dhi'b Al Abyadh	First
Kadan	Second

BARDIC (23 participants)

Baird	First
Peregrin Elric of Coventry	Second

CHILDREN'S ARCHERY (27 participant

Aeron un Aroxx	First
Stephen and Jennifer	Second

NEW THREE HAWKS CHAMPIONS (17 Teams)

Dio De Lifar (Fencing)
Verron Wolfgang Von Groth (Heavy Weapons)
Peregrin Elric of Coventry (Archery)

Adult Scavenger Hunt

Talyn & Kitara won

Thank you's go to: Fredrick, AILINN, Tess, Larke, Mikel, Suzanne, Ilana, Diedre, Parthalon, Ravin, Pergrin, Maeve, Aedhen, Roland, Orlafthia, Erik, James, Jane (Eyja), Triana, Ithrael, Talyn, Caitlyn, Faolan, Tracker, Torre, Taliesen, Reginald, Angelina, Mark, David, Robin, Xanthe, Vlad, Richenda, Charles, Cobri and all of the others who helped!!!

FOUND

Plastic Pabst mug
Wood bowl
Red metal stake - 1
Large goldtone ring
Black boda bag
Large Colorado tank top Grey vest
Epee - 2
A roll of film
Camo covered canteen

LOST

1 Sheep branded with a "T"

To claim these items, please call Lady Tambriel (Sharon Saunders)
(303) 288-3828

Baronial Birthday

The Companions of the Golden Ring

Invite you to celebrate the Third Birthday of the Barony of Unser Hafen on Saturday, October 9, A.S. XXVIII at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Ave., Fort Collins from noon to 10pm. This is also the 11th anniversary of the organizational meeting for the Shire, and so our theme is -- OLD. Old tome site fee - $2.00. Old time feast - Pot Luck. If your SCA, or Mundane, first name begins with A-F bring a salad or dessert, G-L bring a main dish, and M-Z bring a vegetable dish or bread. Wear your oldest garb. Bring your oldest crafts (or your present project), your oldest (or newest) pictures, and be ready to tell your oldest stories. The site is dry.

For more information contact:

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(303) 482-6608

or

Lord Francis Owen Roderick Keith
c/o Frank Laird
8406 Peak View Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80525-9232
(303) 669-1754

Also, you might notice that the treasury (pg. 9) has dropped since last month. Lady Theresea is planning a fund raiser, so bring items to donate and money to spend.

University of Caerthe

After the Fall of the Roman Empire, the city of Rome began a long decline. By the middle of the fourteenth century its population had been reduced to some twenty thousand people dwelling amid the ruins of a vanished glory. Recovery began later that century, and in 1420 Pope Martin V returned the seat of papal government to Rome. Thirty years later Pope Nicholas V began a program of renovation and reconstruction of the city and patronage of the arts and sciences. Painters and sculptors walked the streets, sketching buildings as they were and as they had been, mapping the Rome of the present and the past. This month Master Robin Vinehall will talk to us about "Rome Reborn", the rebuilding of the ancient city in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries, and the corresponding development of scholarship and culture that was the heart of the Renaissance.

We will meet at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, October 27, at the home of Amelia von Altburg - 9901 East Evans Avenue, #28D, Denver. All are encouraged to attend. Period garb is optional, but appreciated. For further information, call Lady Amelia, 750-0180, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004.

The Lords of Light and Darkness II: A Costumed Ball and Dessert Gala

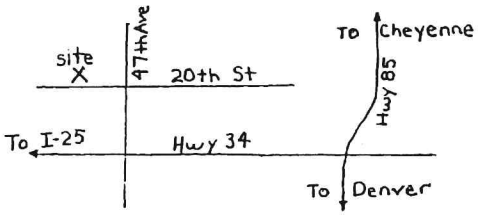
October 16, A.S. XXVIII

Come all ye gentles and join us in a magical realm of Light and Darkness for a night filled with delightful dancing and decadent desserts. Prizes will be given for the most tantalizing dessert and imaginative costumes.

5:00	Site opens with review of the nights dancing.
6:30	A live chess game will be played.
7:30	The Ball begins.
10:00	Prizes will be awarded.
10:30	Site closes.
After revel	

So bring forth your eminently delectable desserts, and most elaborate black or white costumes, and join us for a night of magic and mystery.

Site and feast fee is free!
Site: Aimes Community College, 5401 W. 20th St., Greeley, CO
Autocrat: Akira (Darrick Hildman) 1754 Heritage Cir. #168, Fort Collins, CO 80526, 498-0798



Outlands Crown Tournament XVI

The Barony of Dragonsspine is pleased to welcome one and all to Crown Tournament on October 2nd and 3rd, AS XXVIII.

The tournament will be held on Saturday morning at Memorial Park on Park Street in the town of Woodland Park (not the one in Colorado Springs!) Please note that King Leif does not wish anyone to videotape Crown Tournament. The feast site will be at the Sallie Bush Community Center in Green Mountain Falls. The site is WET, although alcoholic beverages must be consumed only inside the building. The feast menu will (tentatively) consist of:

First Remove

Scotch Broth, A Plate of Pickle, Bread, Honey Butter, Boison Cheese and Frumente with Fruit

Second Remove

Chicken a la Apicius, Macrows and Cheese, Roast Acorn Squash and Pears in Wine Sauce

On Sunday, several activities will occur at Bear Creek Park in Colorado Springs. Maps to this site will be provided on Saturday. There will be both Heavy Weapons and Rapter Lists, the format to be determined by Their Majesties, Leif and Elisheva. Additionally there will be an Arts & Sciences display, with a prize being awarded for the people's choice. Please bring items to show off, documentation is not necessary. Tables and a covered pavilion will be available for the display. Pets must be on a leash at all times.

Tentative Schedule

Saturday	
8:30 am	Fighting Site opens
9:00	Armor Inspection
10:00	Opening Court
	Crown Tournament follows
4:30 pm	Feast Hall opens
5:30	Court of Their Majesties
6:30	Feast
8:30	Dancing and Revelry
11:00	Hall Closes
Sunday	
9:00 am	Site opens
9:30	Sign-up and Armor Inspection
10:30	Tournaments begin

Crash space and motel rooms will be available, please contact Lady Branwyn for more information.

Fees for the weekend will be Site Fee: Advance Reservations: $3 for members, $4 for non-members, children 12 and under are free. Feast Fee: $7 for adults, children 6-12 are $3 and children 5 and under are free. At the door, site fee will be $4 for members and $5 for nonmembers, children 12 and under are still free.

After September 20th, please call Mistress Elaina to see if feast reservations are still available. When you make reservations by mail or phone, please include the number of people, their mundane and SCA names, and if they are members, non-members or children. Please make checks payable to SCA-Dragonsspine.

Directions:

Take I-25 to Colorado Springs. Take Exit 141 and get onto US 24 going west towards Manitou Springs and Woodland Park. Follow 24 for approximately 20 miles, until you reach Woodland Park. Go past the first traffic light, then take a right on Park Street. Memorial Park is at the end of the street.

To get to the feast site from Woodland Park, go east on US 24 for approximately 6 Maes. Turn right at the first exit for Green Mountain Falls. Follow the road for about a mile, the Sallie Bush Community Center will be on the right side of the road.

From Colorado Springs, head west on US 24 for about 14 miles. Turn left at the second exit for Green Mountain Falls, Sallie Bush Community Center will be on the right side of the road after about a mile.

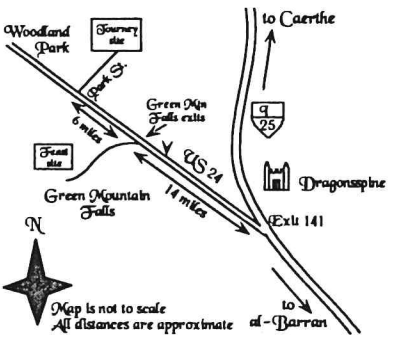
Autocrat:
Lady Tatiana Pavlovna
Robin Monogue
8124 Steadman Drive
Colo. Springs, CO 80920
(719) 282-0463

Reservations:
Crown Tournament
SCA-Dragonsspine
P.O. Box 296
Colo. Springs, CO 80901

Head Cook:
Mistress Elaina de Sinistre
Mary Mormon
(719) 522-0387

Co-Autocrat:
Lord Reginald of the Fells
Ron Krob
(719) 389-0219

For Information on Motels and Crash Space:
Lady Branwyn ni Ceallaigh
Vicki Krob
(719) 389-0219



Dragonsspine Arts and Sciences and Costume Ball

October 30, 1993

Greetings from the Crown Barony of Dragonsspine. We are holding our Arts and Sciences competition on the day before Halloween, and are also holding a costume ball, competition, and processional. The costumes should be medieval In style.

The site is Bemis Hall, Colorado College. The site opens at 11:00 am, with Arts and Sciences competition, gaming, and merchanting until 5:00 pm. (Merchants are welcome, and if you have a game and want to play it, bring it!) At 6:00 pm the pot luck feast (bring food for 6-8 -gentles) and the costume ball will begin. Dragonsspine will provide bread, cheese. and a beverage. Cassette minstrels are needed for the ball. The festivities will continue until 11:00 pm. We win attempt to obtain refrigerator and heating appliances, but if possible, please provide this for yourself. There are outlets for crockpots and such.

Site Fees and Restrictions!

Site fee is $1, feast is $2. Anyone under 10 is free. Make all checks payable to SCA-Dragonsspine. The site is dry, no smoking is allowed indoors, and no pets. please.

Directions: Take exit 143 (Uintah Street) east, turn rot on Cascade and the next right to Bemis Hall.

Arts and Sciences

Greetings from Lord Maelmarden, Arts and Sciences Officer. This year's Baronial Arts and Sciences shall be run with the flavor of a medieval fair or market, with the inclusion of a neo-medieval classification to cover modem materials and/or construction methods.

Prizes will be awarded to those gentles with outstanding crafts, wares, or performance. The Dragonsspine gentle with the best will be awarded champion and Lord or Lady of our evening ball.

The classifications for the Arts and Sciences Fair are:

I. The Illuminators (calligraphy, drawing, painting. etc.)
II. Home and Hearth (furniture, pottery, leather craft. cloth and clothing)
III. Pub and Pantry (foods, beverages, and herbalism)
IV. Smithy Craft (weapons, armor, and jewelry)
V. In Pursuit of Applause (bardic, dance, and poetry)
VI. Of How and Why (written and research)
VII. Neo-medieval (modern materials and/or construction)
VIII. Peoples choice (vote with provided token)

In hope of a great fair, with much merriment, come thee all to Dragonsspine Arts and Sciences!!!

Autocrat and crash space	Arts and Sciences
Sir Haroun	Lord Maelmarden
Chuck Hacking	Michael Gwyn
(719) 444-0194	(719) 634-0917

Coronation

November 6

With the glory and pageantry which have marked Their reign, Their Royal Majesties Leif and Elisheva will pass the Crown on to Their heirs November 6. The populace of al-Barran welcome all gentles to witness this event and partake of an evening's feast and revelry. At this time we believe the site will be the Old Airport at the south end of Yale Blvd. in Albuquerque, and the next Outlandish Herald will have details.

Reservations may be placed with Mistress Kathryn of Iveragh, P.O. Box 27676, Albuquerque NM 87125. (505) 298-9032. The fee will be $8 for members, $10 for non members, and will include site fee and feast together.

If you would like to entertain Their Majesties during the feast, please contact Lady Anastasia Angharad (Beth Weber) at (505) 275-9308. 5416 Colleen's Way, Albuquerque NM 87111.

Please address all other questions to your autocrat. Lady Gwenlyn Aldwyn
(Michelle Myers-Robson),
(505) 255-5669
8101 Marble NE, Apt. M.,
Albuquerque NM 871 10.

Dance Collegium and Harvest Ball

November 20

The Barony of Dragonsspine announces a Dance Collegium and Harvest Ball on Saturday, November 20th. A.S. XXVIII. The site for the Dance Collegium is the campus of Colorado College. The site for the Harvest Ball is the Unitarian Church hall three blocks away: Parking is available midway between the two sites. Detailed directions and a map will appear soon. The dance site will open at 9am for registration. There will be two tracks of instruction-one in English Country Dancing and one in Court Dancing. Each track will have four one and a half hour classes. A sit-down lunch will be served at mid-day, and a substantial refreshment table will provide an evening meal during the ball.

The price for the Collegium and Ball. including both meals, is $8 until the 1st of November and $10 thereafter. Children under ten are free. but need to have reservations. Make out checks to SCA Dragonsspine, and mail them to Harvest Ball. c/o SCA Dragonsspine, P.O. Box 296, Colorado Springs CO 80901. Please include the mundane name and address. as well as SCA name. for all those for whom you are reserving. A specific list of classes and dances will be mailed to everyone with advance reservations during October. All classes will have size limits, and those gentles who pre-reserve will have an opportunity to sign up in advance for the classes they want to attend. We will also mail a dance program for the ball-most of these dances will be taught during the day at the collegium.

There are still a few spaces open for dance instructors. Volunteers should contact the Collegium autocrat Master Kay Delafleur (Kent Bloom, 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80919. 719-522-0387). Master Kay is also looking for musicians who would like to play dance music during all or pan of the ball in the evening. Please contact him as soon as possible so that he can nail music for you to practice..

The autocrat for the Harvest Ball is Lord Reginald of the Fells (Ron Krob)
413 So. Institute,
Colorado Springs CO 80903.
719-389-0219

"Spirit of the Troubadours"
Unser Hafen Arts & Sciences Competition

The Barony of Unser Hafen will have its Arts & Sciences competition on November 13, 1993. The site is the Timnath Presbyterian Church, on main street in Timnath, Colorado. (Timnath is located just off I25: take the Harmony Rd exit and turn east instead of towards Fort Collins.) Site will open at 9 am for set-up with competitions, a fencing tourney, and bardic entertainment to follow throughout the day. We would appreciate having as many people as possible there by 10:30 AM (The deadline for entries). This will enable us to start the performance arts as soon as possible.

JUST FOR FUN....

The theme for the event is the "Spirit of the Troubadours". We will encourage all bardic traditions, courtly manners, and traditional manners of courting and other silliness. We hope that this will be an enjoyable event, as well as giving our artisans and entertainers a chance to show their work. After feast, we hope to have a bardic circle, as well as playing "Castle of Love", a recreation of a period game. The evening feast will be French Provencial, and there will be a light lunch served. Fees will be: $2.00 for site, $7.00 for feast, and a $1.00 donation for lunch. No reservations required.

We highly encourage you to bring small "bribes" or "favors" for the ladies/gentlemen whom you wish to court favor with. The "Castle of Love" is a game in which the suitor must bribe/cajole the gatekeeper to gain access to his lady, whom he seeks to bribe/convince to let him have access to the castle. The reward involved is at the discretion of the lady in question. Endymion will be in charge of coordinating the game, and will invite ladies into the castle upon request. There will also be opportunities for bardic entertainment after the feast which is not part of the competition; so come with a song or a story of your own.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00 Site opens for set-up
10:30 Entries must be received and registered with trolls
10:30-11:00 to 2:00
Performance art begins; Lunch will be convened during a performance break. If this is insufficient time for performances we will go longer.
2:00-4:00 pm (or whenever performance time ends.)
-- Vivian will give a talk on the history of the troubadours
-- There may also be a talk on bardic in the SCA
-- The populace is invited to vote for the Baronial Champion
- Roundtable sessions begin; entrants in each category will meet and vote on the winners for each category.
4:00 to 6:00 PM --Fencing tourney begins
6:30-8:00 Feast
6:00 Court - Winners announced
6:30 Feast begins followed by various entertainments

ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION

Members from outside the barony will be eligible for category prizes and Popular Winner, although the Baronial Champion must be from Unser Hafen. All entrants must be SCA members. Judging will be done by vote of those participating: the populace will vote for Popular Champion, which may be from any SCA group. There will also be a Baronial Champion, which will be chose from amongst Unser Hafen entrants only. There will also be winners announced for each major category & subcategory for which there are more than one entrant. Prizes will be awarded for category winners, and scrolls for the two Champions. There may also be some "whim" prizes, i.e. "according to the whim of ....".

The following categories will be listed for entries:

I. Scribal Arts
- -Calligraphy
- -Illumination
- -Drawing/Painting

II. Performance Arts
- -Drama/Storytelling
- -Ethnic Dance
- -Court Dance
- -Vocal/Instrumental music

III. Visual Arts, General
- -Jewelry
- -Glasswork
- -Heraldic Design
- -Wood Carving
- -Sculpture
- -Pottery

IV. Fiber Arts, General
- -Costuming
- -Weaving
- -Lacemaking
- -Needlework

V. Culinary Arts
- -Bread
- -Sweets
- -Other Foods
- -Brewing

VI. Functional Arts, General
- -Weapons Arts
- -Leatherwork
- -Furniture/Household articles
- -Musical Instruments
- -Paper/Papyrus or Ink manufacture-

If you do not see a category listed that suits your entry, please ASK, and it will be assigned to a logical category. The exception to this is the category for written materials: this will be a display only category. As usual, you may not enter a piece in more than one category or subcategory. You may enter as many items as you wish otherwise. In the case of only ONE entry in a subcategory OR category, NO WINNER will be declared. If there are no winners in a in a subcategory, the entry will still be eligible for the Category or the Champion winner. You may also DISPLAY ONLY in any category which you wish; which means that you are not asking to be eligible to win. Display items do not have to be accompanied by documentation, except for the name of the Artist. You cannot enter any item which has won in a kingdom competition.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Don't let the word "documentation" prevent you from entering. This simply means that you write down what is "authentic" about your entry (i.e. occurred before 1600), and what part of it is "creative license", that is, it's your idea of how someone would have done it then. On some types of items, it's important to discuss technical details, and how they relate to period techniques. Items like a modern functional cup which masquerades as a medieval looking cup is in the "creative" category. A piece of needlework that exactly replicates a period example is more purely authentic. Both are acceptable entries, but the documentation should explain which best describes it. For this competition, the documentation will be limited to one page maximum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chala Savatthi (Karol Henderson Harding) - Autocrat 303/223-6494
2519 Sunstone Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525
Madeleine de la Rochelle or Gerald an Ard- Feast info 303/226-5862
Rhianwen Ferch Morgant - Fencing Marshall 303/484-1087

Caethen 12th Night

January 8, 1994

Caerthe invites You to celebrate 12th night in Russian opulence. (Keep in mind that Russia was under Mongol rule for approximately 200 years.) Caethen 12th night will occur January 8. 1994 at Adams County Fairgrounds with set-up starting at 9:00 in the morning and clean-up at 11:00_in the evening. There will be contests and classes (details to follow). There will be children's activities and a video room for righters to view past fighting events.
Site Fee: $3 / $4 non-members Feast Fee:
$8 / $9 non-members until Crown Tournment
$10 / $11 non-members until Coronation
$12 / $13 non-members until December 1, 1993
$14 / $15 non-members until December 20, 1993
Ages 0-5: Free
Ages 6/13: 1/2 price
Servers and Kitchen crew 1/2 price

Menu

On Table: Breads and butters, Mushroom caviar, Garlic Cheese Spread
Appetizer: Beef Pirogyi
Soup: Mushroom and Barley Soup 1st Course: Braised Chicken with Dried Fruit and Honeyed Parsnips
Palate Cleanser
2nd Course: Sauteed Salmon Steak with Rice and Marinated Mushrooms
Palate Cleanser
3rd Course: Onion Stuffed Beef Roll with Noodles and Russian Mustard
Dessert: Honey Cake, Krendel, Lemon Tart and Kisel

Merchants will be required to have a tax license and there will be a $5 space rental fee. Space is limited so call carly for a reservation.

Please send all reservations to the autocrat and make checks payable to SCA-Caerthc.
Autpcrat: Lady Krystyna de Chanceaux (AnnaMarie Zurawski) (303) 427-8449 3061 W. 92nd Ave. 8B, Wesrminsteir CO 80030

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Upcomming Events

Regular Monthly Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

On October 25, in conjunction with Unser Haken's Dance practice, We will be hosting a masked Haloween Ball. The theme is obviously medieval. Wear any appropirate SCA garb and a mask. Prizes will be awarded for the most unusuall and fancy masks. We will also be providing refreshments.

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c/o mark edward breier
1613 Leesdale Court
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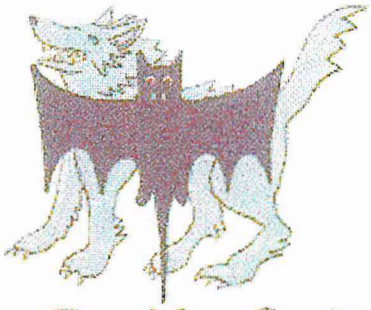

Famous quotes:
"It's pretty hard to 'see'
music isn't it?" H.E. Sir Kevin.